

## Message Text

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EO 11652: NA  
TAGS: ETRD, AS  
SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS: TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL  
DUTIES APPLIED TO IMPORTS OF CARPETS

REF: CANBERRA 2926

1. GOA HAS ANNOUNCED ITS DECISION ON RECOMMENDATIONS  
CONTAINED IN TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY (TAA) REPORT  
ON CARPET. GOA HAS ACCEPTED TAA RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE  
FOLLOWING TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL DUTIES WILL APPLY TO IMPORTS  
OF THESE PRODUCTS:

(A). ON KITCHEN CARPETS AND TUFTED CARPET: TEMPORARY  
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ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF 7.5 PERCENT (GENERAL) AND 19 PERCENT  
(PREFERENTIAL) FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS, AFTER WHICH  
TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF 2.5 PERCENT (GENERAL) AND  
14 PERCENT (PREFERENTIAL) WOULD APPLY (NORMAL RATES OF  
DUTY 22.5 PERCENT GENERAL AND 11 PERCENT PREFERENTIAL).

(B). ON CARPET TILES, OTHER THAN COIR, FALLING WITHIN

TARIFF ITEM 58.02.9, TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF 2.5 PERCENT GENERAL AND 14 PERCENT PREFERENTIAL (NORMAL RATES 22.5 PERCENT AND 11 PERCENT).

2. TAA CONSIDERED THE LOCAL INDUSTRY TO BE SEVERELY DEPRESSED AT PRESENT TIME, DUE TO LOW LEVEL OF MARKET AND HIGH LEVEL OF IMPORTS. IMPORTS ARE BEING LANDED IN AUSTRALIA AT VERY COMPETITIVE PRICES, FORCING MANUFACTURERS TO LOWER THEIR PRICES TO UNECONOMIC LEVELS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN SALES. TAA APPARENTLY IS HOPING THAT THIS ACTION WILL ENABLE LOCAL MANUFACTURERS TO MAINTAIN THEIR PRICES AT ECONOMIC LEVELS.

3. U.S. IS A MAJOR SUPPLIER OF KITCHEN CARPETS AND TUFTED CARPETING. ALTHOUGH THIS ACTION WILL HAVE SOME EFFECT ON IMPORTS FROM THE U.S., IT WILL HAVE A FAR GREATER EFFECT ON IMPORTS FROM CANADA AND NEW ZEALAND, THE TWO OTHER MAJOR SUPPLIERS, WHOSE EXPORTS COME IN UNDER THE PREFERENTIAL TARIFF RATE.  
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